

AGENDA



Thursday, October 23, 2008

Public Works

Item No. 28

RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Subject: Approve an ordinance amending City Code Section 12-4-64(D) to establish a maximum speed limit of 25 miles per hour on certain streets within the area bounded by William Cannon Drive, Marble Creek Proper, Onion Creek Proper, and the current Austin city boundary line.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$10,950 is available in the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Operating Budget of the Public Works Department for installation of necessary signs.

Fiscal Note: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

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Texas Transportation Code Section 545.356 allows a city to set a speed limit lower than 30 miles per hour, but not less than 25 miles per hour, on a highway if:

- the highway is not an officially designated or marked highway or road in the state highway system;
- the highway is 35 feet or less in width;
- vehicular parking is not prohibited on one or both sides of the street;
- the highway has less than four lanes used for vehicular travel; and
- the Council finds that the previous prima facie speed limit is unreasonable or unsafe.

The City of Austin Public Works Department recommends the 25 mile per hour speed limit for certain streets in the area bounded by William Cannon Drive, Marble Creek Proper, Onion Creek Proper, and the current Austin city boundary line. The lower speed limit will reduce the potential for vehicle-pedestrian accidents. The ordinance includes a finding that the previous prima facie speed limit is unreasonable or unsafe, in accordance with the statute. Most of the streets within the area are eligible for a 25 mile per hour speed limit. The exceptions are Alum Rock Cove from Alum Rock Drive to the end of Alum Rock Cove, Alum Rock Drive from Thaxton Road to Panadero Drive, Asa Drive from Salt Springs Drive to the end of Asa Drive, Baythorne Drive from Panadero Drive to both ends of Baythorne Drive, Bird Brook Lane from Baythorne Drive to the end of Bird Brook Lane, Claude Court from Quinton Drive to the end of Claude Court, Colton Bluff Springs Road from Salt Springs Drive to Springtime Trail, Cornish Hen Cove from Cornish Hen Lane to the end of Cornish Hen Cove, Cornish Hen Lane from Wiley Way to Winter Haven Road, Cureton Cove from Quinton Drive to the end of Cureton Cove, Deja Avenue from Walkup Lane to Doyal Drive, Derby Downs Drive from Wiley Way to the end of Derby Downs Drive, Dixie Drive from William Cannon Drive (East) to Tara Drive, Doyal Drive from Fall Meadow Lane to Deja Avenue, Edmundsbury Drive (north end) from Derby Downs Drive to the end of Edmundsbury Drive, Edmundsbury Drive (south end) from Derby Downs Drive to both ends of Edmundsbury Drive, Fall Meadow Lane from Quinton Drive to Alum Rock Drive, Kammey Cove from Quinton Drive to the end of Kammey Cove, Milton Lease Drive from Derby Downs Drive to Edmundsbury Drive, Norwich Castle Drive from Cornish Hen Lane to the end of Norwich Castle Drive, Panadero Drive from Thaxton Road to Baythorne Drive, Quinton Cove from Quinton Drive to the end of Quinton Cove, Quinton Drive from Fall Meadow Lane to Deja Avenue, Running Water Drive from William Cannon Drive (East) to Thaxton Road, Sabrina Drive from Felipe Drive to Fall Meadow Lane, Springtime Trail from Zequiell Drive to Marble Ridge Drive, Stambourne Street from Derby Downs Drive to the end of Stambourne Street, Tara Drive from Marble

Crest Drive to the end of Tara Drive, Thaxton Road from Salt Springs Road to 272 feet east of Alum Rock Drive, Walkup Lane from Wiley Way to the end of Walkup Lane, Wiley Way from Quinton Drive to the end of Wiley Way, Winter Haven Road from Alum Rock Drive to the end of Winter Haven Road, because these streets are wider than 35 feet or vehicular parking is prohibited on one or both sides of the street. They are not included in the recommended Code changes. Other streets not included are Salt Springs Drive from E. William Cannon Drive to Thaxton Road and Thaxton Road from Nuckols Crossing Road to Salt Springs Road for which the existing speed limits were established by a prior engineering and traffic investigation. Colton Bluff Springs Road from Springtime Trail to the Austin City Limits and Alum Rock from Thaxton Road to Colton Bluff Springs Road because the intention of HB 87 is to lower speeds in residential areas where a lower speed would be more reasonable, this roadway is not within a residential area, and the existing speed limit of this roadway is appropriate. These are also not included in the recommended Code changes. Staff recommends that Section 12-4-64(D) be amended to add the following streets to the list of streets with a maximum speed limit of 25 miles per hour.

Ada Court from Dixie Drive to the end of Ada Court.
Alum Rock Drive from Panadero Drive to the end of Alum Rock Drive.
Antoine Circle from Lake Charles Drive to the end of Antoine Circle.
Bannock Lane from Roseborough Drive to Ken Caryl Drive.
Bixler Drive from Tupelo Drive to the end of Bixler Drive.
Bramble Bush Drive from Thaxton Road to Roseborough Drive.
Briarton Drive from Forbsdale Drive to Thaxton Road.
Broad Brook Drive from Alum Rock Drive (north intersection) to Alum Rock Drive (south intersection).
Bumpstead Drive from Panadero Drive to Ipswich Bay Drive.
Cats Eye Lane from Marble Ridge Drive to Tara Drive.
Conti Court from Dixie Drive to the end of Conti Court.
Crepe Myrtle Drive from Springtime Trail to Zequiel Drive
Deridder Court from Rhett Place to the end of Deridder Court.
Eudora Cove from Eudora Lane to the end of Eudora Cove.
Eudora Lane from Roseborough Drive to Running Water Drive.
Felipe Drive from Flaxen Drive to Sabrina Drive.
Flaxen Drive from Alum Rock Drive to the end of Flaxen Drive.
Forbsdale Drive from Thaxton Road to Roseborough Drive.
Foy Circle from Dixie Drive to the end of Foy Circle.
Georgie Trace Avenue from Alum Rock Drive to Broad Brook Drive.
Green Grass Trail from Spring Fever Trail to Sailing Breeze Trail.
Ipswich Bay Drive from Bumpstead Drive to the end of Ipswich Bay Drive.
Kedington Street from Panadero Drive to Ipswich Bay Drive.
Ken Caryl Drive from Running Water Drive to the end of Ken Caryl Drive.
Keynes Lane from Bumpstead Drive to Baythorne Drive.
Lake Charles Drive from Asa Drive to Dixie Drive.
Marble Creek Loop from Marble Ridge Drive to Marble Crest Drive.
Marble Crest Drive from Marble Ridge Drive to Marble Creek Loop.
Marble Ridge Drive from Marble Crest Drive to Thaxton Road.
Marl Court from Tara Drive to the end of Marl Court.
Orange Blossom Way from Salt Springs Drive to Running Water Drive.
Orleans Drive from Dixie Drive to Salt Springs Drive.
Paces Mill Lane from Tupelo Drive to Bixler Drive.
Panadero Cove from Panadero Drive to the end of Panadero Cove.
Panadero Drive from Baythorne Drive to Ipswich Bay Drive.
Piedras Blanco Drive from Marble Ridge Drive to Marble Creek Loop.
Redrick Drive from Marble Ridge Drive to Tara Drive.
Rhett Place from Asa Drive to Dixie Drive.
Ringsby Cove from Ringsby Road to the end of Ringsby Cove.
Ringsby Road from Salt Springs Road to Bannock Lane.
Roseborough Drive from Salt Springs Road to Marble Ridge Drive.
Rosenberry Drive from Thaxton Road to Roseborough Drive.
Sabrina Cove from Sabrina Drive to the end of Sabrina Cove.
Sailing Breeze Trail from Green Grass Trail to Running Water Drive.
Spring Fever Trail from Green Grass Trail to Running Water Drive.
Springtime Trail from Marble Ridge Drive to Tara Drive.
Sturmer Street from Bumpstead Drive to Baythorne Drive.
Tara Drive from Marble Ridge Drive to Marble Crest Drive.

Tupelo Drive from Tara Drive to Salt Springs Drive.

Verbank Villa Drive from Roseborough Drive to the end of Verbank Villa Drive.

Zequiel Drive from Crepe Myrtle Drive to the end of Zequiel Drive.